

STUDENT RESPONSES SOMERSET

THE GOOD

Tip – teacher prep
Co-op
Jumpstart – early college
Sports teams
Dual credit
AP programs
MMP – tech related classes
School TV station
ACT prep classes
Exchange students
Building
Vo-tek
Bible Club
Theater
Sports facilities
Small classes/packet classes – independent learning
Closeness to teacher
Clubs
Breaks-day
Everyone is academically involved
Extra curricular activities
Home economics classes
Friendships
Prom
Student Council
Freshman center
Spirit week
Jr./Sr. day
Girls
Teachers
Chance to succeed
Sports
No drugs
Smart boards
Good community
Flexible staff
Lunch ball
Senior studies
AP/dual credit classes
Library
Vocational
ESS
Football
Student teacher relationship
Lockers

The Good – cont'd

Snowball

Freedom

Media center

Trust

Plasma TV's

Good/open campus

Year round schedule

Offers vocational school

Motivated teachers

Tutoring programs

Block scheduling

Flexibility

Small environment/small teacher ratios

Great achievement incentives

THE BAD

Freshman Center
Reading program
Club Day
4 day week - schedule - traditional vs. block schedule
School Lunch
Dress code
AP/DC classes – more needed
Books – not enough
Spanish language classes – more
Teachers picking favorites
Strict
Lack of school spirit
Lunch food
Course selection
Have to go to different school for certain classes
School “nasty”
Pep rallies
Portfolio
“Sweep” Team
Bathrooms
Lack of senior project
A.R. reading
Not all classes are open
Teachers are never there
Guidance counselor doesn’t have one on one time with all
Sports players get off with more
Lunch
Cliques at school
Block
Attendance policy
Technology out dated
Teachers pick favorites/more slack, lack of choices
Label us
Make coaches get away with more
Football is treated better than any other sport
Too much focus on athletics
Lack of social skills
Teachers pick favorites
More foreign language programs/more intense
Fewer pointless requirements
Teachers should have teaching degrees
Get rid of IGP and HS majors
More one on one counseling
We need healthier food
Freedom of expression
More cultural diversity
More technology
Better facilities/a more comfortable environment

The Bad – cont'd

Wider variety of resources in the library

Better college preparation/wider variety of courses

Not challenging

Class registration

Not enough sex ed – leads to pregnancy

THE UGLY

Harder classes/ore elective variety
Locked bathrooms
Need more technology, upgrade, more teachers, courses
Busy work
Relationships
Amount of homework is too strenuous
Too much CATS prep
Focus more on foreign language
Fights
Drug policies – consistent
Lab science – none
Lack of teachers – special ed
Crowded classrooms
Motivation of students
Emphasis on math & science
Ability to get commonwealth diploma
Block schedule
Club trips
Community source laws
Teacher's aid & peer mentoring
Improve discipline
Improve test scores
Money into academic instead of sports
No library updated books
More one on one time (small groups)
Dance
Teen pregnancy
Schedules
AP/DC classes
Need to be challenged
Listen to every student
Challenging courses
Academics
More classes to prepare for the future
More guidance counselors
Teach more about real life situations
Lack of parent interest
Lack of culture
Racism
Teachers put too low of standards on students/not caring
Rigorous senior schedule
More for language-elective
Wider selection of courses that are challenging, less busy work
More individual guidance for future preparation
Studying only the testing curriculum
No CATS based curriculum
Drugs
Teen pregnancy

The Ugly – cont'd

Tobacco use

More political issues studied